Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1880, a group of hearty settlers ventured west to Dakota Territory by immigrant train car, wagon, and by foot to settle in the village of Bath, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, In June 1881, the first formal religious service was held in a tent in Bath, leading to the first church being built in 1886 celebrating in a day of rejoicing for their new church home and a center for activity; and,

Whereas, In October 1931, the church held its 50th anniversary in a time of renewal for the community with a newly remodeled church; and,

Whereas, Like many other Bath properties, the remodeled church did not escape the Tornado of 1944 and was destroyed; and,

Whereas, Another Methodist church was moved in from a small community and dedicated in 1948 and continues to serve our faithful Bath congregation to this day; and,

Whereas, The Bath United Methodist Church will celebrate its 135th anniversary and will give thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for God's promise to be with the church going into the future with faith, hope, and love:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 17, 2016, as

BATH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
135TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State